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Clerk Dorothy Brown Mourns the Loss of Bishop Arthur Brazier

I am deeply saddened at hearing of the passing of Bishop Arthur Brazier. Bishop Brazier was a dynamic religious leader and a personal friend and supporter of mine. The City of Chicago and the congregation of Apostolic Church of God is forever richer in spirit and strength because of his leadership.

I have long admired Bishop Brazier's life work from building Apostolic Church of God to the founding of the Woodlawn Organization where he worked to battle slumlords trying to displace African Americans from their neighborhood. Bishop Brazier was a relentless warrior fighting for the rights of children in his community. Though Bishop Brazier could not finish his formal high school education due to the Depression, having to go to work, he worked hard later in life for the children of his community so they could be guaranteed a good education. To that end Bishop Brazier organized a boycott of Chicago Public Schools to protest the usage of mobile classrooms that had a high level for African American children.

Moreover, Bishop Brazier served his country in the U.S. Army with distinction and pride and continued that service through his Church. I will remember Bishop Brazier as a man of faith, outstanding integrity, leadership and above all else a good friend.

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